

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
Citizens Advisory Committee on  
**Pipeline Safety**

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Greetings:

This year (2012) has been an active year for the Citizens Advisory Committee on Pipeline Safety. The committee met four times during the year in Olympia to review issues concerning underground pipelines transporting hazardous materials in a safe manner.

The committee's main objective and charter is to meet jointly on a regular basis with state and federal regulators and with representatives from those companies who are responsible for the safe operation of over 41,000 miles of underground natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines in the State of Washington. We are a committee of citizens from diverse backgrounds who have taken interest in assuring that the pipelines running throughout their committee are operated in a safe manner. We listen, we learn and we question the pipeline operators and regulators on their efforts to assure safe operation. This committee is unique in the nation, being the only Citizens Committee with this type of oversight and review.

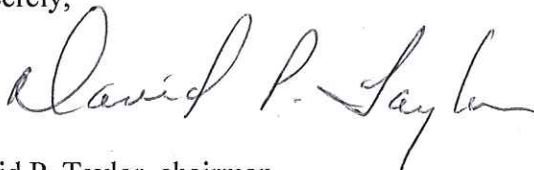
There was one notable incident that occurred in this state that the committee reviewed. That incident was a home explosion that occurred in the Puget Sound area on September 26, 2011. Our committee seeks to learn from such incidents and to offer recommendations to prevent future incidents to the extent that they are preventable. In addition to this incident, we also reviewed the findings of the San Bruno, CA incident to learn from it as well.

We also monitor the state's "Call before You Dig" system including recent changes to state law. We trust that this action will benefit the public by reducing underground facility damages. Also, the committee continues to promote a national report, "Planning Near Pipelines." We encourage all local jurisdictions to adopt ordinances in conformance to this report that will allow them to guide development around transmission pipelines in order to reduce the risk and consequence of a pipeline rupture.

Attached is a summary report of the Committee's activities during 2012. I am also available to talk with you on committee issues and activities; we would invite you to attend one of our meetings.

For more information about the Citizens Committee activities, please visit our website at:  
[www.utc.wa.gov/ccops](http://www.utc.wa.gov/ccops)

Sincerely,



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